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# WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

Resident Engineer: Siegenthaler, Peter **Report No:** WIR-019167 Address: 333 Burma Road **Date Inspected:** 05-Jan-2011

City: Oakland, CA 94607

**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure **OSM Arrival Time:** 630 **OSM Departure Time:** 1500 **Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV

Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV **Location:** Job Site

**CWI Name:** See below **CWI Present:** Yes No **Inspected CWI report:** Yes N/A **Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No No N/A N/A **Electrode to specification:** Yes No **Weld Procedures Followed:** Yes No N/A **Qualified Welders:** Yes No N/A **Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A N/A Yes No N/A **Approved Drawings:** Yes No **Approved WPS:** Yes No N/A **Delayed / Cancelled:** 

**Bridge No:** 34-0006 **Component: SAS OBG** 

### **Summary of Items Observed:**

The Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector, Rick Bettencourt was on site at the job site between the times noted above. The QA Inspector was on site to randomly observe the in process welding and inspection of the weld joints identified as 8E9E/10E-A1-A5, 5E-pp31-E4-1 and the following observations were made:

### 9E/10E-A1-A5

#### A3-A1

The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welding operator James Zhen begin welding the submerged arc welding (SAW) fill pass in the center of A3 and weld to the end of section A1. The QA Inspector randomly observed the SAW parameters and they were 555 Amps, 32.5 Volts and a travel speed of 400mm/min. The QA Inspector noted the SAW parameters appeared to be in general compliance with ABF-WPS-D1.5-4042B-1. The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welding operators performing the SAW fill/cover passes for the remainder of the shift.

### A3-A5

The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF Welding Superintendent Dan Ieraci welding the submerged arc welding (SAW) fill pass in the center of A3 and weld to the end of section A5. The QA Inspector randomly observed the SAW parameters and they were 560 Amps, 32.5 Volts and a travel speed of 390mm/min. The QA Inspector noted the SAW parameters appeared to be in general compliance with ABF-WPS-D1.5-4042B-1. The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welding operators performing the SAW fill/cover passes for the remainder of the shift. The QA Inspector noted the above identified weld joint was completed on this date.

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In addition the QA Inspector randomly observed and noted the contractor installed 19 temporary fitting aids under the deck plate to aid the fit up and placement of the steel backing bar. The QA Inspector noted the contractor is not keeping tack of Y dimensions of the temporary fitting aids for future MT.

## 5E-pp31-E4-1

The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welder identified as Salvador Sandoval and ABF helper begin fitting up the lifting lug deck insert identified above. The QA Inspector noted the direction of rolling was stamped with a low stress stamp in the center of the insert plate, so no grinding or welding would mask or deface the identifying marking. The QA Inspector randomly observed the bevel angle to be 45°. The QA Inspector noted the surface of the bevel appeared to be a machined surface with bright shinny metal. The QA Inspector noted the ABF welder was utilizing a prefabricated round copper backing plate with a channel machined in root opening where the welding will take place. The QA Inspector noted the fit up was completed on the QA Inspectors shift and appeared to be in general compliance with the contract documents. The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welder begin the SMAW root pass. The QA Inspector randomly observed the SMAW parameters were 1/8" E7018 low hydrogen electrodes with 125 Amps. The QA Inspector noted the parameters appeared to be in general compliance with ABF-WPS-1070A R1. The QA Inspector randomly observed the ABF welder did completed the above identified lifting lug hole on this date.

## **Summary of Conversations:**

no pertinent conversation noted on this date.

#### **Comments**

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Nina Choy 510-385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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